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Fri 0200 WOR ACBRadio Mainstream [repeated 2-hourly thru 2400]
Fri 1600 WOR WBCQ after hours
Fri 2000 WOR RFPI [repeated 4-hourly thru Sat 1600]
Fri 2105 WOR World FM, Tawa, Wellington, New Zealand 88.2
Sat 0000 WOR ACBRadio Mainstream
Sat 0800 WOR WRN to Eu, Au, NZ, WorldSpace AfriStar, AsiaStar
Sat 0855 WOR WNQM Nashville TN 1300
Sat 1000 WOR WPKN Bridgeport CT 89.5 & WPKM Montauk LINY 88.7
Sat 1730 WOR WRN to North America
(including Sirius Satellite Radio channel 115)
Sat 1730 WOR WRMI 7385 [from WRN]
Sun 0230 WOR WWCR 5070
Sun 0300 WOR WBCQ 9330-CLSB [suspended for 2 weeks; maybe 0400?]
Sun 0330 WOR WRMI 7385
Sun 0630 WOR WWCR 3210
Sun 0730 WOR World FM, Tawa, Wellington, New Zealand 88.2
Sun 0830 WOR WRN to North America, also WLIO-TV Lima OH SAP
(including Sirius Satellite Radio channel 115)
Sun 0830 WOR KSFC Spokane WA 91.9
Sun 0830 WOR WXPR Rhinelander WI 91.7 91.9 100.9
Sun 0830 WOR WDWN Auburn NY 89.1 [unconfirmed]
Sun 0830 WOR KTRU Houston TX 91.7 [occasional]
Sun 1200 WOR WRMI 7385
Sun 1300 WOR KRFP-LP Moscow ID 92.5
Sun 1730 WOR WRMI 7385 [from WRN]
Sun 1730 WOR WRN1 to North America
(including Sirius Satellite Radio channel 115)
Sun 1900 WOR RNI

Mon 0230 WOR WRMI 7385
Mon 0300 WOR WBCQ 9330-CLSB
Mon 0330 WOR WSUI Iowa City IA 910
Mon 0415 WOR WBCQ 7415 [usually closer to 0418-]
Mon 1600 WOR WBCQ after hours
Mon 1800 WOR RFPI [repeated 4-hourly thru Tue 1400]
Tue 1600 WOR WBCQ after hours
Tue 2330 WOR WBCQ 7415 [occasional]
Wed 0930 WOR WWCR 9985
Wed 1600 WOR WBCQ after hours

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WRN ON DEMAND [from Fri]:
http://new.wrn.org/listeners/stations/station.php?StationID=24

OUR ONDEMAND AUDIO [also CONTINENT OF MEDIA, MUNDO RADIAL]:
http://www.worldofradio.com/audiomid.html
WORLD OF RADIO Extra 59 (high version):
(stream) http://www.w4uvh.net/worx59h.ram
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[WOR Extra 59 low, minus WOR opening same as CONTINENT OF MEDIA 05-05]
WORLD OF RADIO Extra 59 (low version):
(stream) http://www.w4uvh.net/com0505.ram
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(summary) http://www.worldofradio.com/com0505.html

WORLD OF RADIO Extra 59 in true SW sound of Alex`s mp3:
(stream) http://www.dxprograms.net/worldofradio_08-10-05.m3u
(download) http://www.dxprograms.net/worldofradio_08-10-05.mp3

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(low) http://www.obriensweb.com/worx59.mp3

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DX/SWL/MEDIA PROGRAMS Aug 11: http://www.worldofradio.com/dxpgms.html

** ARGENTINA. 1620 --- According to "Directorio de Emisoras de Onda Media de la Rep˙blica Argentina" (from GRA), the following stations are operating on 1620:
R. Tropicana (Cadena Vida) - inactive
R. Vida, Monte Grande, BA - ex 1240
R. Italia, Villa Martelli, BA (via Tore B Vik, editor ARC LA News for South America, via Tore Larsson, DXLD)

** ARMENIA. Quienes se encargan de producir los cortos programas en espaÒol de la Radio P˙blica de Armenia, otrora Radio Yerevan, no han terminado de caer en la cuenta de que paradÛjicamente, siendo un medio de comunicaciÛn, desconocen esta palabra o no la ponen en pr·ctica. Parece ser m·s bien descuido del departamento tÈcnico o de frecuencias. AhÌ tienen todavÌa esa ID que despide sus transmisiones a las 0245 mencionando 11640 y 9775, mientras que desde el inicio de A-05 salen por la frecuencia de 9965. El rollo es que hasta la lista de EiBi asÌ lo especifica, y los amigos armenios andan por otro lado. Me deja pensando que tan poca gente los escucha al grado de que sÛlo yo haya mencionado esta anomalÌa (Ra˙l Saavedra, Costa Rica, UT Aug 11, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. Programmes I Like (# 7) --- "Australia Talks Back" --- Radio National:

Wow --- Talkback radio that's not a waste of time. Sandy McCutcheon does the hosting honours in this 50-minute show. He opens each edition with an introduction of the topic for discussion. Those topics can be either national or international, political or non-political. It's a real grab-bag.

One or more of the guests/experts that will be adding their views during the programme are brought on board right at the start. An introductory discussion follows, before Sandy fields call from all across Australia. Some experts stay for the duration, and offer comments on the views expressed by callers. Others leave after being interviewed by the host. Guests and experts are introduced throughout the programme, and then asked for their opinion on the topic.

After these opening preliminaries, the calls are put on air, with some supporting the topic and others disagreeing with it. The host moves swiftly and crisply from caller to caller, expert to expert, caller to expert, etc.

Sandy takes more time with the guests than he does with the callers. Segments with the former can run up to 5 minutes. Some callers will say their piece, and receive a good-bye from the host, while others will be questioned by the host. The guests usual offer opposing points of view on the topic of the day.

Friday's slot is given over to "The Week in Review", which opens with a review of the previous four topics by the host along with some audio clips. This takes about ten minutes, after which calls and e-mails are featured.

Website: http://www.abc.net.au/rn/talks/austback/

E-mail: http://www.abc.net.au/rn/talks/austback/email.htm
(Peter Bowen, Canada?, Aug 11, Swprograms mailing list via DXLD)

** BAHAMAS. Both 810 and 1540 unheard in Miami on August 8, but operating as normal on August 9, with stronger signal from 1540 (Mike Cooper, FL, Aug 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BAHRAIN. 9745, R. Bahrain - daily monitoring of this channel via DX Tuner Sweden from July 15 has turned up no sign of R Bahrain in the 2200-2300 UT time interval, the time it was heard on July 14 and prior, usually in between Voice of Han fade out and HCJB Quechua service fade in. In this interval the programming was non-stop Arabic music which is quite distinguishable from Han or HCJB programming. When heard on July 11th and 14th the signal quality was not at the nominal 60 kW level (Bruce W. Churchill, CA, DXplorer Aug 3 via BCDX via DXLD)

** BELARUS [non]. Re 5-134, new surrogate service: In order to reach a "mass audience", the Polish side is favouring a network of FM transmitters in the border areas of neighbouring countries, since only few listeners in Belarus are listening to MW or SW (Bernd Trutenau, Lithuania, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

PROPOSED RADIO FOR BELARUS FROM POLAND FACES LEGAL, ORGANIZATIONAL HURDLES | Excerpt from report by Polish international satellite TV service on 10 August

[Presenter] And now the troubles with the creation of an independent radio broadcasting to Belarusians. This is a radio that has not yet been created, but it is already probable that it will be a pirate radio station. This is because the activity of a station broadcasting from Poland in Belarusian requires the consent of neighbouring states and of the International Telecommunication Union [ITU]. It is already clear that the authorities in Belarus will not give such consent. They are also threatening to jam the radio and to make protests. It is possible that in revenge they will jam Polish television stations broadcasting in the digital system.

[Reporter] If you want to know about the situation in Lukashenka's country, watch the foreign media. [passage omitted]

An opportunity for independent information would be a radio station broadcasting from Poland. The government has allocated 950,000 zlotys [about 163,000 pounds, or 293,000 dollars] for this purpose. However, the organization of a radio station is not just about money.

[Lech Jaworski, National Radio and Television Broadcasting Council - KRRiT] This would require the acquisition of frequencies and most

probably a concession [broadcasting licence] for the dissemination of such a programme.

[Reporter] The consent of our neighbours, and thus also of Belarus, will also be indispensable for the use of frequencies and transmitter power. It is already clear that there will be no such consent. The Belarusians have announced they will protest and also that they will jam the station.

Working for [the former] Radio Free Europe [RFE], Andrzej Mietkowski met with this every day.

[Andrzej Mietkowski, former RFE employee] Attempts were made to change frequencies, attempts were made to increase the transmitter power. I personally remember that this was strongly troublesome.

[Reporter] According to specialists, without the consent of Belarus the programme could be broadcast either by satellite or in the Internet or on short-wave.

These are archival pictures of Radio Ratsiya, which used to broadcast in Belarusian [from Poland]. The station went bankrupt three years ago. It could now be reactivated. But this would need much more than 950,000 zlotys.

[Michal Androsiuk, Belarusian Self-government Forum - BFS] There is doubtless some equipment left over from the first Radio Ratsiya, but we for instance need a stronger transmitter, not like the one that was used earlier.

[Reporter] Belarusian non-governmental organizations active in Poland would concern themselves with the organization of Radio Belarus.
Source: TV Polonia, Warsaw, in Polish 1730 gmt 10 Aug 05 (via BBCM via DXLD)

BELARUSIAN STATE MEDIA UNLEASH CAMPAIGN AGAINST POLAND

The state-owned media in Belarus are cranking up an angry campaign against Poland, as relations between Minsk and Warsaw continue to deteriorate.

Sparked by a police raid on a Polish NGO, the scandal over the treatment of minorities in Belarus and the human rights situation in general now occupies a prominent place in daily news on state television.

While failing to dislodge the usual upbeat harvesting updates and President Alyaksandr Lukashenka's lengthy monologues from their prime

spot, a flurry of accusations against Poland and its alleged paymaster, the USA, has been gaining momentum over the past week.

The accusations against Warsaw range from mistreating Belarusian children to plotting a violent overthrow of the Belarusian government.

"Enmity against fraternal Belarus"

"Poland believes that it has the right to interfere in our internal affairs. Where did the Poles, with whom we have been living for so many decades in peace and friendship, get so much anti-Belarusian sentiment," lamented national television on 7 August.

"Belarusians are perplexed: what has happened to Poland? Why are the country's authorities sowing the seeds of enmity against fraternal Belarus? Why are they purposely destroying good-neighbourhood?"

Warsaw's allegations that ethnic Poles are being persecuted in Belarus are being flatly denied, and journalists reporting these allegations are being accused of "anti-Belarusian hysteria".

"The absurdity of the statements about persecution of Poles in Belarus, ta country where national and denominational peace and concord are the basis of stability, is clear to everybody," the Belarusian parliament's newspaper Narodnaya Hazeta said on 10 August.

"It is doubtful that Belarusian Poles and the relatives living across the border are interested in the political fomentation of tensions. Many partisan journalists have begun to understand this - but they have been whipping up anti-Belarusian hysteria for several weeks already."

"American puppeteers"

Most allegations focus on Poland's alleged goal of fomenting a repeat of a Ukrainian-style "Orange revolution" in Belarus - with America's support and encouragement.

"Having seen that the Belarusian opposition is incapable of anything, that the money is being wasted, that revolutionary scenarios will not work in Belarus, not to mention that American puppeteers have become too obvious, the USA has decided to use Poland," Belarusian TV said on 7 August.

"The opposition wants to seize power by force. For this purpose, one of the candidates for the chief oppositionist's post deems it necessary to escalate the Belarusian-Polish conflict in order to plunge Belarus into crisis using Poland and to seize power on the tide

of popular discontent."

"They wanted to set up the opposition's political headquarters on the basis of the Union of Poles in Belarus [the Polish NGO raided by Belarusian police], where a Polish-American protÈgÈ would be in the driving seat during the Belarusian presidential election."

The Belarusian army's newspaper Vo Slavu Rodiny echoed the sentiment. "Having taken into account Warsaw's political zigzags in the past, Washington came to a conclusion that while `democracy in Belarus is a vitally important moral and strategic imperative of the US foreign policy', it will be up to Warsaw to implement this policy after Iraq," the paper said on 10 August.

"Need for an enemy"

Poland has also been accused of eyeing Belarusian territories formerly ruled by Warsaw. "Talking to the leadership of the Polish organization East European Democratic Centre, some opposition figures demanded that Poland toughen its policy, including the introduction of economic sanctions against Belarus. They are even ready to trade in the country's western regions in exchange for such services. Some in Poland view them as Kresy Wschodnie [eastern borders of Poland between the first and the second world wars]," the TV said on 9 August.

Warsaw, America and the EU have also been charged with conniving in the Belarusian opposition's alleged plans to use "Chechen terrorists" to plunge Belarus into crisis.

"The cynicism and double-dealing of the American and European democracy promoters is perplexing," Belarusian TV said. "There is a hunt for terrorists and their accomplices in Europe, the USA, all over the world. And here, in Poland, in an EU member state, some people gather and discuss the recruitment of Chechen terrorists for the Belarusian opposition ranks. As is known, terrorism has no nationality. Those people calling for unleashing terror against Belarus have no right to call themselves the Belarusian opposition. The American and European treasurers, who allocate tens of millions of dollars for such democrats, have no conscience or responsibility."

The few opposition outlets that have survived in Belarus are quite sceptical about Minsk's official position - and warn the West that responding to Belarusian attacks tit for tat could be just what President Lukashenka wants.

"Some Polish politicians threaten to break off diplomatic relations with Belarus. They probably believe that it will be a mighty slap in Lukashenka's face," the independent weekly Svobodnyye Novosti Plyus

said on 3 August.

"In reality, the Belarusian authorities could even benefit from such steps by Warsaw. They need an image of an external enemy that could rally Lukashenka's voters round their leader on the eve of the presidential election. The main enemy - the USA - is far away and looks a bit abstract. Poland is close. It is a concrete and tangible enemy. And all the disaffection of thousands of Belarusians who will have additional difficulties obtaining visas could be turned against Warsaw." Source: BBC Monitoring research in English 11 Aug 05 (via DXLD)

** BELGIUM [non]. 15660, Zwart of Wit/Black or White (presumed), 1030-1100*, Sunday Jul 31, all talk until pop music at 1055, announcement 1057, music continued until close down. Definitely Dutch, signal useable, but fadey, high background noise and bothered by local pulsing QRM. It is supposed to be on Sun 0900-1100 via Armavir. URL is http://www.vlaamsbelang.org/index.php?p=36 (Jerry Berg, MA, DSWCI DX Window Aug 10 via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 5745.2, R Virgen de Remedios, Tupiza, 1110, Jul 23, Spanish religious program. Distorted signal, 44433. Yes. I am sure of the frequency. Because Ad·n Mur (Don Moore) from Paraguay heard this station too with identifications and he told me about the new frequency. I can hear the same programs as on 90 meters. Ah!!! It is back on another frequency, of course (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, DSWCI DX Window Aug 10 via DXLD) So I suppose it is ex 3336, ex 5945! (Anker Petersen, DSWCI Ed, ibid.) øWhat has Don Moore to do with this? I guess Don Mur sounds like that (gh)

** CANADA. Wires crossed at Sackville, Aug 11 before and after 1400 on 13655, with NHK Warido (sounds more like that than Warudo, the middle vowel being swallowed) ID and frequency list at 1359, in Japanese // 11705, instead of RCI/CBC! Which did continue on 9515 and 17800. I e-mailed Sackville & Montreal around 1410, but it was still NHK at 1429 check; by 1434 recheck this had been corrected, back to RCI (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. STRIKE LOOMS AS CBC TALKS STALL
   WebPosted Wed Aug 10 20:13:50 2005

Negotiations between the CBC and union representatives appear to be at an impasse, raising the spectre that a strike or lockout could take place within days.

The corporation said labour action could have a significant impact on program schedules, particularly its radio and online coverage. CFL football and NHL hockey would remain on the broadcast schedule, along

with acquired programming and movies.

Talks fell apart Monday when the Canadian Media Guild, which represents about 5,500 technicians, journalists and administrative staff at the CBC, walked away from the table over the issue of employment status.

The corporation said that since Monday, the union has "continued to refuse to engage in collective bargaining." But the Guild dismissed claims that they had abandoned the bargaining process.

"We are conveniently located just two floors away from the Corporation bargaining committee," the Guild said in a statement. "No one from that committee has made any attempt to contact us since earlier this week."

Last month, the union voted 87.3 per cent in favour of a strike if its negotiators couldn't get a deal with the corporation. The earliest date for a strike or a lockout would be Aug. 15.

Negotiations for a new contract began a year ago.

The union says the main issue continues to be the CBC's insistence on a new contract that will allow it to hire most new employees on a casual basis.

Contracting out, employees' rights to be reassigned in case of downsizing and compensation for overtime are other key issues that remain unresolved. Copyright (C) 2005 CBC. All rights reserved (via Ricky Leong, AB, DXLD)

Some of what's in here might have relevance to the comments about the outsourced production of "O'Reilly on Advertising." 73- (Bill Westenhaver, QC, DX LISTENING DIGEST) http://tinyurl.com/dq9jf

CBC FACING POSSIBLE STRIKE MONDAY --- FROM CANADIAN PRESS

The CBC and its biggest union, the 5,500-member Canadian Media Guild, appear to be edging closer to a labour disruption.

A CBC negotiations update reports that during a discussion on the key issue of employee status, the CMG bargaining team walked away from the table and left the room Monday night.

It said the guild then posted a communiquÈ on its website that included "inaccurate accusations and that takes statements from our chief negotiator out of context."

The guild, in turn, said that despite repeated demands for greater flexibility, CBC management refuses to budge from its position that it be allowed to outsource, or hire new staff on a contract basis, which the union sees as a move towards phasing out permanent employment at the network.

"CBC management is demanding we move backward and turn the place into a revolving door of people on temporary contracts," CMG president Lise Lareau said in a statement.

"What this really means is the erosion of real careers in public broadcasting." In an interview, Lareau said the talks are not permanently off, but the walkout was part of the "cut and thrust" of bargaining.

CBC spokesman Jason MacDonald said Wednesday that the corporation wants to get back to the table.

"Certainly there are a number of issues that remain to be resolved. The issue of employment status is one of them. Our position has been made clear. The union ó we're aware of what their position is, and we've indicated that `let's sit down and negotiate it.' "

"You can't negotiate it if you're the only party at the table."

A strike or lockout could begin as early as Monday. By a vote of 87.3 per cent last month, union members gave their negotiating team a strike mandate. But under new rules, either side would have to give 72 hours' notice to take action, which means a declaration would have to be made on Friday.

A work stoppage would "certainly have a noticeable impact," said MacDonald. "Viewers will notice it, that it's different, that it's not the CBC they're used to. And that's why the focus, certainly from our point, has got to be on being at the table between now and Sunday night midnight and trying to get a deal reached. Because a work stoppage is in nobody's interest."

Meanwhile, ACTRA, the 21,000-member actors' union, is pledging to join the guild in a co-ordinated action. ACTRA is involved in its own contract renewal agreements with the CBC.

The CBC's last major labour dispute was in 2001 when technical staff across the country were locked out. Current talks began a year ago, with government conciliators joining the process in May. This time, however, the Canadian Media Guild represents those technical people along with sales people, producers and newsroom staff (Toronto Star Aug 11 via Bill Westenhaver, DXLD)

CBC FILES 72-HOUR LOCKOUT NOTICE
from cbc.ca Last Updated Thu, 11 Aug 2005 21:31:38 EDT

CBC management has filed a 72-hour lockout notice, meaning job action could take place Monday morning if an agreement is not reached with the union representing 5,500 workers.

"CBC doesn't want a work stoppage and we are extremely disappointed to have to take this action," the corporation said in a communiquÈ Thursday night. "However, after almost 15 months of negotiations, our key issues remain unresolved."

The notice does not automatically mean that a work stoppage will occur Monday. The corporation acknowledged that both sides are still at the bargaining table.

Labour action could have a significant impact on program schedules, particularly its radio and online coverage. CFL football and NHL hockey would remain on the broadcast schedule, along with acquired programming and movies.

Last month, the union voted 87.3 per cent endorsing the union, including calling a strike if necessary, if its negotiators couldn't get a deal with the corporation. The earliest date for a strike or a lockout would be Aug. 15.

Negotiations for a new contract began in May 2004.

The Canadian Media Guild, representing the CBC employees, says the main issue continues to be the CBC's insistence on a new contract that will allow it to hire most new employees on a casual basis.

But the corporation says it needs greater flexibility when it comes to hiring. Contracting out, employees' rights to be reassigned in case of downsizing and compensation for overtime are other key issues that remain unresolved (via Wade Smith, New Brunswick, Aug 11, dxldyg via DXLD)

** CANADA. CBC's Avril Benoit: "Connections" host --- I haven't seen her name for a couple years. Ms. Benoit is hosting the summer series "Connections", featuring documentaries from around the world. Airs on CBC Radio One 9:30 AM local time (1230 through 1630 UT) Mondays and 7:30 PM local time Thursdays (2230 Thursdays through 0230 Fridays). The UT references are to the various local time zones when you can hear CBCR1 live. I can't give you much guidance on advance content.

Ms. Benoit was the host of "This Morning" with Michael Enright (and

Dick Gordon) from 1997 through 1998, and more recently was the host of CBCR1's local Toronto afternoon show (Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA, Aug 11, Swprograms mailing list via DXLD)

** CHINA. Re: ``CRI, 13460, 1827 July 13, in English about students cannot pay fees, SIO 444 (Richard Thurlow, Ipswich, Suffolk, HF Logbook, Aug BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) I would suspect a typo in frequency, but with CRI this far OOB could really happen (gh, DXLD)``

1600-1857 English 13760 27,28 KAS 500 308 CHN (Wolfgang B¸schel, DXLD)

** CHINA [and non]. Some English on 11785 caught my ear as I tuned by at 1350 Aug 11, something about the US economy, mixed with another station in Chinese; but shortly both were in Chinese. This would be VOA Mandarin via Thailand, 30 degrees, and the inevitable jammer in Commie China (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also CUBA

** COLOMBIA. Re 5-130: I finally came up with a slogan for HJDH, the calls on the 5910V and 6010V stations: ``Hoy Jes˙s Dice Hola``. It was hard work, but someone had to do it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CONGO DR [non]. 11890, R. Okapi, Kinshasa, via Meyerton, 1600-1640, Aug 04, ID in French by man and woman followed by news in African language mentioning Uganda, Congo and Bukavu. 1616, talks by man and woman in African language with frequent mention of Uganda. Initially 32333 but improving to 34333 (Patrick Cody, Nenagh, Ireland, DSWCI DX Window Aug 10 via DXLD)

** COSTA RICA. 5054.59, TIFC, R Faro del Caribe, San Isidro, Herida [Heredia?], heard 0158-0215, Aug 09, religious music, but faint and noisy signal, 24121. Also heard in Australia, Japan, Ecuador and Per˙ at 1000-1200. It had been off the air since July 2004 due to transmitter problems (Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Aug 10 via DXLD)

** CUBA. CRI relay on 13740 carrier was already on at 1355 Aug 11, no modulation other than horrible squeal peaking about plus and minus 10 kHz, but audible out to 20. Not so bad after run-up music started around 1358 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGST)

** CUBA. Re: DXLD 5-134, Contacting Radio Havana. Try this link to a comments form. http://radiohabanacuba.co.cu/espanol/correo.htm
The field names in English are name, address, country, and comments. The Enviar button will send your observaciones to the Departamento de Correspondencia, Radio Habana Cuba. Hope this helps. Regards (Harry Brooks, UK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA [non]. 15690, Voice of Democratic Eritrea, via Juelich, Sat 1500-1530 Tigrinya and 1530-1600 Arabic (Ck. DX-Window no. 277). This broadcast was not heard on Sat Jul 30, neither on 15690, nor on previous 5925, 9820, 12015, 15670 nor 15715 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Aug 10 via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. 15670, Voice of Oromo Liberation, via J¸lich, *1700-1710, Aug 03, Oromo, sign on with IDs and music, audio sounded terrible and like a telephone line. 34444 (Bjarke Vestesen, Radby, Blommenslyst, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Aug 10 via DXLD))

** FINLAND. FDXA Summer Meeting Radio 12-13th August

During Finnish DX Listeners Summer Meeting in Virrat 12-14th of August there will be a special transmission starting Friday evening 21 UTC. A Special QSL will be available from this event! Address for reports is: SWR P. O. Box 99, FI-34801, Virrat, Finland. Do not forget return postage of 2 EURO/ 2IRC. This meeting is organised by Scandinavian Weekend Radio together with Finnish DX Association. More info (in Finnish) can be found from http://www.swradio.net/fin/kesis.htm
Here is the programme schedule (times local Finnish time UT +3h):

00-02 Tricky Trev Show
02-07 SWR Crew
07-09 "Good morning Finland- Huomenta Suomi" studiossa Alpo Heinonen. Her%ttelyn% kes%kokouslauantaihin tarjolla parasta "ikivihre%% ja -vetre%%" suomimusiikkia. Katsaus perjantai-illan tapahtumista ja mit% lauantai tuo tullessaan.
09-10 SWR Crew
10-12 Kesisruletti, studiossa Alpo Heinonen. Alkusyksyn radiomaailmauutisia ja tapahtumia meilt% ja muualta.
12-13 Hˆrˆkorva.
13-14 SWR Live! Tunnelmia asemalta sek% vieraiden haastatteluja.
14-16 Maailman ymp%ri.
16-18 Saturday Show, juonnossa JMH ja ANH.
18-19 SWR Crew
19-20 Science corner. Radio related science news by NASA.
20-21 SWR Crew
21-22 Levyraato special by Peeveli
22-23 Continental nightshift : summermeet-blues with Rj and stuff
23-24 Continental closing down ceremony

Raportit kesispaikalta/Special reports from the Summer Meeting ("Here is FDXA Summer Meeting in Virrat"):
00.10 "T%%ll% SDXL:n kes%kokous, Virrat!"
08.10 "T%%ll% SDXL:n kes%kokous, Virrat!"
11.10 "T%%ll% SDXL:n kes%kokous, Virrat!"
16.10 "T%%ll% SDXL:n kes%kokous, Virrat!"

18.10 "T%%ll% SDXL:n kes%kokous, Virrat!"
20.10 "T%%ll% SDXL:n kes%kokous, Virrat!"
23.10 "T%%ll% SDXL:n kes%kokous, Virrat!"

Frequencies in use are 1602 kHz, 5980 kHz, 5990 kHz, 6170 kHz, 11690 kHz and 11720 kHz.
1602 kHz whole 24 hours in use
5980 kHz 21-06, 11-17 and 18-21 UTC
5990 kHz 17-18 UTC
6170 kHz 06-11 UTC
11690 kHz 06-11, and 18-21 UTC
11720 kHz 21-06 and 11-18 UTC

More info: http://swradio.net e-mail: info(@)swradio.net (Alpo Heinonen, Scandinavian Weekend Radio, April 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5980, SWR, Virrat, 1425, Sat Aug 06, heard faintly on a clear channel with 15111 // 11720. It was inaudible *1058-1320.

6170, SWR, Virrat, 1056-1057*, Sat Aug 06, announcing frequency change in Finnish and English, 15111 // 11690.

11690, SWR, Virrat, 1056-1057*, Sa Aug 06, announcing frequency change in Finnish and English, 25232 // 6170.

11720, SWR, Virrat, *1058-1425 fade out, Sa Aug 06, Finnish and English IDs, talks, Finnish pop music, best reception 1200-1300: 25333 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Aug 10 via DXLD)

** GERMANY. 6045, R Mecklenburg Vorpommern Baltic R, Schwerin, via Juelich, 1210-1259*, Sun Aug 07, German/English announcements, IDs, website: http://www.mvbalticradio.de pop songs, local news from the Baltic area, also ID in French and Polish, mentioned reception reports received, e.g. from our British member no. 701 Keith Phillimore. It was on 6045 and not 6015 as mentioned in DX-Window no. 277. 45555 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Aug 10 via DXLD)

** GUATEMALA. R. Verdad, 4052.5 --- mid July received e-mail from Dr. Madrid that lightning damaged transmitter putting it out of use, and it was no longer to be heard. He spent a lot of time repairing it, and returned to air July 26 with just 250 watts. Station is financed by local listeners and a local church; took him 16 years to get together funds to purchase transmitter. Heard in most worldparts, excellent QSLer, but be sure to enclose return postage. Financial support welcomed. Also prays for license to broadcast locally on FM (Christer Brunstrˆm, Sweden, Christian DX Report, HCJB DX Partyline Aug 6, notes by gh for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUINEA. 7125, RTV GuinÈenne noted on July 29, 30 and 31 at excellent levels, peaking at S4+ around 0700 UT. On July 30 tuned from 0628 UT with gradually improving signal. Signals began to fade around 0730 UT on all three days. Very interesting Guinean vocal/instrumental music selections and announcers in French and Vernaculars. Other than occasional mentions of Guinea, no real ID's heard. On 8/1, the signal was virtually non-existent at 0605 UT tune (Bruce W. Churchill, CA, DXplorer Aug 3 via BCDX via DXLD)

[and non]. Great signal!!! As never before on 7125 from RDT GuinÈenne, Conakry. Aug 10th. 2251: Guantanamera played by some Latin American flavored (?) orchestra, which gives us a clear idea why this style is known as "Afro-Cuban"; this music is rooted in Africa and no matter the language, you can find it from Gabon to Guinea and beyond, as I have heard them playing salsa, merengue or cha cha cha as well.

Suddenly, as expected, Russia International Radio signed-on for its 2300 to 0500 transmission, and the Conakry dream was over. Were it not for fading the RDT GuinÈenne signal was beautiful, no T-storms disturbing. Plainly is the best African arrival we can get in Tiquicia at this time, rivaling only Africa #1 on 17630 during the 1200 to 1600 slot. SINPO 45533 (Ra˙l Saavedra, Costa Rica, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HUNGARY. Hello, dear Glenn Hauser, an info for your DX Listening Digest: Hungary: Magyar Katolikus R·diÛ - Eger

From 20. August 2005 the Hungarian Catholic Radio - Eger changes its name. Its new name is : Szent Istv·n R·diÛ - Eger
Their new homepage is : http://www.szentistvanradio.hu
(Szent Istv·n (Saint Stephen) - he was the first king of Hungary.
Their frequencies are unchanged: Eger - 91.8 MHz / Hatvan - 94.0 MHz / Miskolc - 95.1 MHz / S·toralja˙jhely - 90.6 MHz (Istv·n Kiss (a Hungarian dx-er, since 1968), Aug 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HUNGARY [non]. Would you please put my request In the DX Listening Digest. Who can help me? I am looking for information about radio stations that stopped, but broadcast in Hungarian in the 70-90's. (R. Nac. EspaÒa, HCJB, TWR/Bonaire, King of Hope High Adventure Ministries in Lebanon and Libya). I would be interested in data from the WRTH earlier than 1968. For example: when did the Hungarian broadcast start, how long did it last, etc. Thank you in advance for your kindness. Kind regards, (Istv·n Kiss (a Hungarian DX-er, since 1968) istvan.kiss @ profinter.hu Aug 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I don`t recall any of those ever broadcasting in Hungarian (gh, DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 4604.96, RRI Serui at 1225-1302 UT on Aug 3. Indo and

"island" music, some of it reminiscent of what Radio Tahiti used to play. No announcements until 1258 UT when a M announcer spoke, including possible ID; SCI at 1259 UT was followed by Jak program at 1300 UT. Good signal but beginning to lose steam (John Wilkins, CO, DXplorer Aug 3 via BCDX via DXLD)

3950.3v, unID RRI at 1208-1235+ on Aug 9. RRI outlet here \\ 3976.06 kHz et al. Drifting up and down between approx. 3950.1 and 3950.7 kHz. Also presumed same station next morning (Aug 10) with weak signal at 1315 on 3947 kHz still drifting. Palu wandering? (John Wilkins, CO, DXplorer Aug 10 via BCDX via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. Re 3945, RRI Denpasar, Bali, had been off the air for at least 12 years! (Anker Petersen, DSWCI DX Window Aug 10 via DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. BBC Radio One Sirius Schedule

The time delayed broadcasts of BBC Radio One via SiriUs stream 97 were delayed a little more than the requisite 5 hours this morning. At 0900 EDST, listeners were greeted with a minute or so of dead air. Once engineers realized that the intended content was not going out over stream 97, Sirius returned to playing the "Coming Soon" promotions that had aired for the past few days. Then, it seems that the "Coming Soon" and the delayed live stream were sent out at the same time, creating quite a cacophony. Finally, the song "Living in America" could be heard in the clear and Radio One was off to the races (Dan Srebnick - Aberdeen, NJ, A Sirius "Pay Once" Lifetime Subscriber, Aug 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It really is a landmark to me. I moved to the USA, from the UK, in 1973 and was ecstatic to just keep in touch with Blighty via fading short-wave signals. I never really thought I would see a day where I am driving around the USA and able to hear BBC Radio One in stereo! I just happened to hear The Clash on the radio the other day with the refrain "this is radio Clash on pirate satellite". That is a very old song but satellite radio days are well and truly here; I wonder when we will get "pirate" satellite stations?

Back in the 1970's I would only get domestic UK news from BBC World Service's "News About Britain" a few minutes every couple of hours. I would occasionally drive a hour to the Canadian-USA border and pay $5.00 to buy a week old UK newspaper. Now I can read UK papers daily without charge, hear even my local BBC station 24 hours a day via the Internet, and have BBC World Service and Radio One in my car when ever I want.

Times have changed. I once wrote to BBC Radio Cumbria about possible plans to have their Cumbrian news available via Real Audio on the

Internet. I received an old style BBC snooty reply saying that the BBC did not have a mandate to respond to the needs of ex-pats and that they had no intention of ever providing BBC Radio Cumbria via the Internet. Now it is on 24 hours per day!

Of course, I feel somewhat guilty for being excited about Radio One. This is the very station I used to ridicule when living in Britain and refused to listen to after Harold Wilson's Government created it after closing my beloved Radio Caroline North. I was in a Fight For Free Radio demonstration outside of 10 Downing Street at one time in my life, now I'm actually excited about Radio One! Old age I guess. Now for Radio Four on Sirius --- I wish (Andy O`Brien, NY, K3UK, ibid.)

You read my mind re: Radio 4. I would love to have it over here. Whenever I find myself in London, I find myself drawn to their longwave broadcasts. It would be a wonderful compliment to the various public radio channels carried on Sirius. Mel, are you listening? (Daniel Srebnick, ibid.)

I am quite sure that I am in no way part of BBC Radio One's target demographic (52 y.o.), but I must say that I really enjoyed this first day of R1 on Sirius. Business kept me on the road much of the day and I had the receiver glued on 97 without ever intending to do so. It is --- to me, a person who sees radio itself and not just what's on it as an art form in itself --- a fascinating radio service. Everything seems to flow so smoothly and effortlessly. The DJs, the music, the contests, the listener contact and the gags all fit together like hand to glove. Its attitude might be best described as "cheeky". It can be naughty without the often "in your face" effort characterizing many stateside stations or formats that are intent on "pushing the envelope" --- and this makes one laugh instead of wince. The tension that produces is absent from R1 and, therefore, everyone (including this listener) just seems to be intent on having fun without resorting to the hard put down. And all of the presenters seem knowledgeable about the music they are playing. Welcome to the USA, R1 (John Figliozzi, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ISRAEL. The IBA website now has a new "reception" section. This new section replaces the old radio frequency tables. It is better displayed and contains more information than the old page had. It contains radio frequencies (MW(AM)/FM/Shortwave in Heb/Eng), TV channels (Hebrew only) and satellite reception information. There are pictures, which include Reshet Bet studio pictures and vague transmitter maps. There is also a Hebrew to Hebrew [sic] dictionary which translates radio and radio technology related terms.

http://www.iba.org.il/reception --- Click on "EN" on top of the right hand side menu (under GMT +3), to display an English menu.

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To clarify, the English news headlines on http://reka.iba.org.il
replaced the old English news headlines found as a subdirectory of
http://bet.iba.org.il

From the Reka website, they also have some historical Kol Israel
broadcasts which you can listen to - such as: the starting of Kol
Israel - the starting of broadcasts to North America - a report after
his assassination summarizing Yitzchak Rabin's life, etc.

The direct link is:
http://reka.iba.org.il/index.asp?classto=RekaKlali&type=archives
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According to the IBA website, Kol Israel has special studios set up in
Gush Katif to cover the disengagement.
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Some Gush Katif residents have set up a pirate radio station "Radio
Kol (Voice of) Katif" running Sun-Thurs 4 - 10 PM local time on 106
FM.

On the http://katif.net website, they have a webstream. Looking at
both katif.net and http://kodesh.tv websites, they use kodesh.tv's
webstream for 4-10 PM. I'm pretty sure I just heard them say Kol Radio
Katif and now it's past 11 PM Israel Time. The announcer's audio is
pretty muffled here. So I'm not sure what the story is.

The webstream is at (they are both the same actual stream):
http://www.katif.net/art.php?table=art&id=1530
or http://www.kodesh.tv/kya.htm

I don't see a link to it from the English site:
http://english.katif.net/

I first saw information about this pirate station on the IBA
http://reka.iba.org.il website a couple of days ago - the info has
been replaced with newer news. There is more information, which is
still found, at: http://medianetwork.blogspot.com
(Doni Rosenzweig, Aug 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN. 60 YEARS AGO AT WVTR TOKYO CELEBRATED WITH TRILOGY

The Radio Heritage Foundation has released a special trilogy of three
stories at http://www.radioheritage.net to celebrate the opening of
WVTR Tokyo in 1945.

Exclusive to http://www.radioheritage.net, the creator of the famous
'Japanese Sea Monster' broadcast in 1947 tells how the Godzilla
phenomenon was born at WVTR.

In the first story of the trilogy, 'WVTR's Sea Monster', read a first hand account of the full broadcast that shook Tokyo. As the giant monster advanced on Tokyo, devouring villages and fishing fleets, US Navy patrol boats were placed on alert to stop the destruction being heard over the air. This broadcast is from where the whole Godzilla concept originated. Enjoy images of the live studio where the broadcast came from, and more in this fascinating story.

The second features 'PRIVATE Newhouse of WVTR', with former Chief Announcer Shelby Z Newhouse giving the inside scoop on those first months of broadcasting from the old Radio Tokyo facilities. Shelby has some great tales, and former Assistant Program Director Ken Harriman has provided photos of early WVTR staff from his personal collection, such as DJ's Wallace Brunworth, Joe Mularkey and Mat Meyers.

The third is 'WVTR Tokyo Xmas 1945' as originally published in an Occupation Forces Souvenir Edition of Pacific Stars & Stripes on December 25, 1945. Lavishly illustrated with station photos and full of program details for the 18 station AFRS network in Japan and Korea.

The Radio Heritage Foundation is a non-profit charity sharing the stories of Pacific radio, preserving, protecting and promoting Pacific radio heritage at http://www.radioheritage.net

Amongst other AFRS station stories are a series about KMTH Midway, WXLE Canton Island, WXLG Kwajalein and coming soon are items about the AFRS China-Burma-India networks, the Jungle Network, the Mosquito Network, the Pacific Ocean Network and the Pineapple Network in Hawaii.

We hope you'll enjoy all these stories, and support this non-profit project with your own memories, images and materials and other resources. Warm regards (David Ricquish, Radio Heritage Foundation Aug 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LATVIA. Repeated from 5-118: WHEN WE SAY WE PLAY ROCK MUSIC WE REALLY MEAN IT! PAN-EUROPEAN BROADCAST SUNDAY 14th AUGUST 2005
9290 kHz SHORT WAVE 3.2 MILLION WATT SIGNAL!
09:00 - 17:00 UT
10:00 - 18:00 UK TIME
11:00 - 19:00 CET

See `Short Wave Reception` page for more information.
Alice`s Restaurant Rock Radio: http://www.rockradio.eu.com
Info courtesy of Tony King. Their website contains an online reception report for QSLs. No postal address available at this time (July NZ DX

Times via DXLD) 3.2 megawatts! Gee, that must be ERP toward Brazil. Little of it gets to OK (gh)

This weekend relays on 9290 kHz
13 August Radio Six International 0600-0700 UT
14 August Alices Rock Radio 0900-1700 UT
Radio 73 1700-1800 UT
Also a special anniversary broadcast on 14 August --- memories from 60s pirates on 1350 kHz in Europe on Radio Tatras International from 1700 to 2100 UT. Good Listening (Tom Taylor, DX LISTENING DIGEST, also via Joe Talbot)

** LIBERIA [non]. Star Radio verified with a full data card and form information letter in 15 days from v/s Mr. Darcy Christen, STAR Radio Program Officer at the Fondation Hirondelle. Report mailed to/from Switzerland. The form letter gave postal address in Liberia: Old CID Road, Mamba Point, Monrovia plus phones numbers (+231) 06-518572, 06-418200 and 06-437937 as well as e-mail address: starradio_liberia @ yahoo.com (Rich D'Angelo, PA, DSWCI DX Window Aug 10 via DXLD)

** MAURITANIA. 4845, R Mauritania, Nouakchott, heard with late sign on at *1930-2030, Aug 03, some hours after the coup d'Ètat, when the Presidential Guard took over the Radio and TV station, the airport and the palace of President Maaouya Ould Sid'Ahmed Taya while he was flying back from the funeral of King Fahd in Saudi Arabia. Qur'an recitations. At 2007 a talk in Arabic which often mentioned a Mohamed. By the way, the name of the Commander of the Presidential Guard is colonel Mohamed Ould Abdel-Aziz! At 2014 announcement in a local African language followed by a talk in French about "dÈmokratie", 2027 Muslim chanting. 45444 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Aug 10 via DXLD)

** MEXICO. R. Mil, 6010.13, 0635 Aug 9 in Spanish. Music. Poor signal. Radio EducaciÛn, 6185, at 0620 Aug 9 in Spanish. Classical piano music. Poor signal but good // 1060 over KYW (Liz Cameron, MI, Aug 9, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) I thought Conciencia was the one that far above 6010 (gh, DXLD)

** MONGOLIA. 4830.03, Mongolian R, Altay, 2200-2220, Aug 04, Mongolian news, ID, talk, 35333. Not heard on 4895 and 7260 this night (Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Aug 10 via DXLD)

** MOROCCO. Rdif. TV Marocaine, 15344.99 at 2026 Aug 9 in Arabic. Unusual because Morocco is usually on an exact frequency. Moderate and over RAE which was faint, so it was hard to get an exact reading on that. At 2153 recheck Morocco back on 15345 and RAE on 15345.1 and over Morocco at S5 (Liz Cameron, MI, Aug 9, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEPAL. NEPAL'S FM STATIONS RESUME NEWS BROADCASTS AFTER COURT VERDICT | Text of report by Nepalnews.com web site on 11 August

Following a verdict by the Supreme Court on Wednesday [10 August], a number of FM radio stations around the country have started airing news and current affairs-based programmes.

Nepal FM, Radio Sworgadwari FM in Dang and Butwal FM in Butwal, among others, have started airing news and current affairs-based programmes from Wednesday evening. A number of other radio stations are said to be preparing to air news bulletins from Thursday, reports said.

In response to a writ petition filed by Kathmandu-based Rainbow FM Pvt Ltd, that is launching its programmes with call-sign "Nepal FM 91.8", a single bench of justice Anup Raj Sharma issued an interim order asking the government not to take any action against the FM station until final disposal of the case.

The Ministry of Information and Communications (MoIC) on 3 Aug had sent a letter to the FM [station] asking why its license should not be revoked for defying the government's order not to air news and news-related programs from FM radio stations.

Nepal FM had aired the news of king's birthday on 7 July. The radio station has been running a program "Rajdhani Khabar" since then focusing on social and development issues of the capital, Kathmandu.

"Wednesday's court verdict is applicable to all the FM stations around the country. Now, all the FM stations are free to air news programmes and (the radio stations) should utilize this opportunity in a positive way," said Shambhu Thapa, president of Nepal Bar Association. "Right to information is a non-suspendable fundamental right of the people and the government can, in no way, snatch it away," he added.

Following the 1 February royal takeover, the government had issued orders to over 50 FM radio stations across the country not to broadcast news and news-related programs and air what it called "entertainment-based programs only".

"The court verdict is a milestone in the on-going movement to establish right to free speech in the country," said Shiva Gaule, vice-president of the Federation of Nepalese Journalists (FNJ).

Save Independent Radio Movement (SIRM) hailed the SC decision. Nepal FM staff lit candles at the station premises on Wednesday welcoming the court verdict, which has come as a blow to the government.
The authorities were claiming that FM stations around the world did

not broadcast news. There has been no comment from the officials regarding Wednesday's court verdict. Source: Nepalnews.com web site, Kathmandu, in English 11 Aug 05 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS. Re 5-134 - Dutch churches, GH asks "But is this really `broadcasting`?"

IMHO, yes it is. It's a special form of broadcasting, intended to reach the sick and elderly who cannot attend the church services in person. They are provided with special receivers as the transmissions are on frequencies not covered by normal sets. There has been a lot of demand for this, and the number of churches using the facility (250 and rising) proves that it's serving a need, even though the numbers involved may be small (Andy Sennitt, Netherlands, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. 15140, R Sultanate of Oman, Thumrait went off the air again around Jul 20. So the repair man has not done a very good job! There was hum in audio which had been present during the previous time it had been on air too. I quite enjoyed listening to their English programme, and reception was generally quite good. Let's hope they can coax the repairman to make the long journey back west and try again (Noel Green, England, Jul 29, DSWCI DX Window Aug 10 via DXLD)

** PERU. R. Victoria, 6020.31 at 0638 Aug 9 in Spanish with clear and strong signal, about S7. Christian music. On 4 August I logged this on 6020.25. 73/(Liz Cameron, MI, Aug 9, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES. Dear Listeners and friends, I am very glad to inform you that RVA Bengali Service is going to air special program "Janani Janmobhumi" on India's Independence Day. "Janani Janmobhumi" will be aired on Aug. 15 Monday both in morning and evening session. RVA Morning Transmission is at 0030-0100 UT on 11730 kHz and evening transmission is at 1400-1430 on 11875. Yours ever, (Md. Salahuddin Dolar, Global Radio Fan Club, Vill.+ P.O. Chuamuhani P.S. Motihar Rajshahi -6000, Bangladesh, Aug 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PORTUGAL [and non]. RDP Lisbon registered 13770 kHz once, but now on 13590 kHz instead, seemingly to avoid co-channel AIR Bangalore powerhouse:
Mon-Fri 1600-1900 13770 100 kW / 052 deg
Sat/Sun 1400-2000 13770 300 kW / 045 deg (wb), (Wolfgang B¸schel, BCDX via DXLD)

New 13590 kHz RDP Lisbon noted in Bulgaria, covering BVBN CO-CHANNEL! Heavy QRM. 73 wolfy

DTK Frequency schedule. Lieber Herr Brodowsky, lieber Herr Weyl, seit

ca. dem 3. August ist RDP-Radio Portugal auf 13590 kHz zwischen 1600 und 1855 UT und der Empfang des BVB ist fast unmoeglich - beobachtet vom 3. bis zum 5. August. Vielen Dank fuer den T-Systems Freq Plan! (Rumen Pankov-BUL, wwdxc BC-DX Aug 6 via DXLD)

Bible Voice Broadcasting Network (BVBN):

1540-1615	13590 JUL	100 kW / 115 deg	Mon-Fri	to ME	English
1630-1700	13590 JUL	100 kW / 115 deg	Tue	to ME	English
1700-1715	13590 JUL	100 kW / 115 deg	Tue	to ME	Russian
1615-1630	13590 JUL	100 kW / 115 deg	Tue/Thu	to ME	Hebrew
1700-1800	13590 JUL	100 kW / 115 deg	Wed/Fri	to ME	English
1630-1645	13590 JUL	100 kW / 115 deg	Thu	to ME	English
1545-1830	13590 JUL	100 kW / 115 deg	Sat	to ME	English
1545-1800	13590 JUL	100 kW / 115 deg	Sun	to ME	English

(Wolfgang B¸schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PORTUGAL. No DRM from HCJB 15370-15380, Aug 11 at 1332, but DRM buzz was audible on 15435-15445. Per Media Network DRM sked, that is: 0800-1459 daily 15440 40 degrees Europe 90 kW DW various Sines (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. Re RWM 9996: This may give an idea of the transmission modes: http://www.irkutsk.com/radio/tis.htm

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00:00 -	07:55	MON signals (no modulation)
08:00 -	09:00	transmitter is signed off
09:00 -	10:00	station's identification is sent by Morse Code
10:00 -	19:55	A1X signals and identification of DUT1+dUT1
20:00 -	29:55	DXXXW signals
30:00 -	37:55	N0N signals (no modulation)
38:00 -	39:00	transmitter is signed off
39:00 -	40:00	station's identification is sent by Morse Code
40:00 -	49:55	A1X signals and identification of DUT1+dUT1
50:00 -	59:55	DXXXW signals

(via Bernd Trutenau, Lithuania, DXplorer Aug 1 via BCDX via DXLD)

** SAUDI ARABIA. 15380, BSKSA, Riyadh, 1200-1330, Aug 02, joint program by the General Service and Holy Qur'an with live transmission from the simple funeral service in a mosque in Riyadh of King Fahd, heard // 17895, 21505, 21600 and 21640. Qur'an recitations, report from the arrival of Muslim dignities, ID, special call to prayer for the late King, 1245 interviews and report while the body was carried to the public al-Od cemetery and buried, 1303 ID and a prayer for the new King Abdullah ben Abdel Aziz. 44444 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Aug 10 via DXLD)

Holy Qur`an Station, 15380, Aug 11 at 1325 hauntingly beautiful

recitation by muezzin with considerable reverb added in the studio, unless his minaret is next to some large reflecting buildings; 1330 ID lacked the reverb. No QRDRM this date from Christian imperialists on 15375, unlike the day before (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SLOVAKIA. 5930, Jul 15 0100-0130, Radio Slovakia International. I sent a reception report immediately along with three IRC's after hearing the news that the shortwave outlet would be shut down on July 31. I received a QSL card verifying my report on August 9. Perhaps this is one of the last QSL cards issued. I haven't tried to tune up on them to find out if they actually closed down or not (Rich Brock, Pittsburgh, PA, HCDX online log via DXLD) They continue for the time being, as reported in DXLD (gh)

** SLOVAKIA [and non]. R Slovakia International mentioned Sunday, Aug 07, Wolfgang Bueschel`s Birthday. Congrats! (Cristoph Ratzer, Austria, DSWCI DX Window Aug 10 via DXLD)

** SUDAN. 7200.0, SNBC, Omdurman, *0302-0430, Aug 01 and 04, phone-in program in Arabic with light instrumental music and frequent mentions of Sudan, 0400 ID and news, 45444. From *0430 covered by R Bulgaria. Nothing was heard on 9505. It was also heard on 7200 at 2105 on Jul 31 with Arabic programs and Nubian music (Gabriel Iv·n Barrera, Argentina and Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Aug 10 via DXLD)

** SUDAN. 7200 --- Watching this frequency, I was pleased to note Khartoum at an excellent level from about 0330 past 0400 with news, a bit of music mixed in, numerous mentions of Sudan. This was the night that news of SPLM leader and VP Garang's death in a helicopter crash in Uganda, and you could hear clear mentions of this in the program. Has anyone had any success whatsoever in obtaining actual paper verifications from Khartoum recently? (Dan Robinson, DXplorer Aug 3 via BCDX via DXLD) Heard also in Buenos Aires on 7200 kHz, from 2105+ with Arabic programs and Nubian music on the past July 31, 2005 (Gabriel Iv·n Barrera, Argentina, DXplorer Aug 3 via BCDX via DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. SRS on 17660 adds an extra hour --- Sudan Radio Service (studios in Nairobi - transmitted via VT) has added an extra hour to its evening transmission, following the death of Sudanese Vice-President John Garang. The station is now on the air at 1400-1800 (formerly 1500-1800) on 17660 kHz (Monday-Friday only). This schedule extension is for the period 9 August to 9 September.

The morning transmission continues at 0300-0500 on 11665 kHz and 0500-0600 on 15325 kHz (again, Monday-Friday only). (Chris Greenway, UK, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

U.K sites: 17660 WOF 250 kW 140 degrees 11665 RMP 500 kW 125 degrees

15325 WOF 300 kW 126 degrees (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

** TANZANIA, 5050.09, R Tanzania, Dar-es-Salaam, 2044-2100*, Jul 31, Swahili, pop-music, news headlines, ID, Dar-es-Salaam mentioned several times. 33232 (Bjarke Vestesen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Aug 10 via DXLD)

** TURKS & CAICOS. Concerning Powell Way's memory flash, the Caribbean Christian Radio (not Caribbean Beacon) was not trying to operate on an unauthorized frequency but suffered from a faulty crystal oven for a week or so. The frequency drifted from 1023 to 1025 until the situation was corrected. The station was in fact notified of the frequency infraction, about two weeks after the oven had been fixed. News to me that "international law was violated", amazing since anywhere in the Caribbean you can call a US number, toll free or otherwise (Reo Stubbs, Providenciales, Turks & Caicos Islands, Aug 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 25950 NFM, KOA, Denver, 2140 Aug 10, Sports talk format with positive ID at 2154 "News Radio 850, KOA". Fair to good reception. It's interesting how often this studio link has been audible here the last few weeks thanks to frequent sporadic E propagation (David Hodgson, TN, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Annotated WBCQ Program Guide --- Anomalies and Recent Observations http://www.zappahead.net/wbcq/anomaly.php

This page contains the latest observations and other unexplained or otherwise unscheduled things observed coming out of Monticello or related to WBCQ. Wednesday, August 10, 2005 --- After seven years, American Viewpoint with Shaun Hayes (Sundays at 2200 UT) will be leaving WBCQ. In its place will be repeats of The Last Roundup, until Sunday, September 4, at which time a new show entitled Creation Nation will debut here. Creation Nation`s topics will be politics and religion (via Allan Weiner) (via John Norfolk, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. Re QSLing AFRTS: I should have added my location - Australia. I've tried with both email and postal mail and have not had a peep out of them. I've tried for Guam, Hawaii, Iceland and Puerto Rico. My last AFRTS QSLs were in 1969 via Delano but I had a 30 year break from SWLing until 2002. Regards, (Wayne Bastow, Wyoming, Australia, HCDX via DXLD)

This goes back a long time, 15 years or so, but when AFRTS did not respond to my QSL request, I copied Louise Slaughter, my local congresswoman, and the QSL (which I carefully designed to cover all of the transmitters then in use) was immediately sent! So perhaps contacting your local Congressperson "Pothole" will get a response for

you (Jim Renfrew, Byron NY, Aug 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST) This constitutes escalation; and don`t MCs have more important work to do? Don`t answer that (gh)

** U S A. WBAI MORNING SHOW SEEKS WIDER APPEAL
   Radio By David Hinckley Daily News Staff Writer

It's probably a tossup for some listeners of WBAI (99.5 FM) whether they were more shocked to hear George Carlin's "Seven Dirty Words" back in October 1973 or to hear sports, traffic and weather on the 'BAI morning show in summer 2005. Cohost Deepa Fernandes says not to worry, however: The Pacifica station is not abandoning its mission as an alternative to most other radio and media. . .
http://www.nydailynews.com/08-08-2005/entertainment/ent_radio/story/335262p-286406c.html
(via Bob Thomas, CT, DXLD)

** U S A. A couple of scans for Boston area pirates on the car radio:

Site 1 (at 1 p.m. EDT) GC = 71.1493 W, 42.5287 N
Wilmington, MA (Analog Devices: 831 Woburn St.)

 540 R. Log, fair o/ WLUX
1580 trace, possibly Patchogue, NY ?
1610 slop from WUNR-1600
1620 Haitian format, good
1630 weak trace apparently 2 carriers
1640 nil
1650 Logan Airport TIS, fair
1660 trace of NJ
1670 Haitian format, poor-fair
1680 nil
1690 Haitian format, weak over other
1700 nil
1710 trace, seemingly 2 carriers

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Site 2 (at 5:15 p.m. EDT) GC = 71.0881 W, 42.4507 N
Stoneham, MA (medical building near Spot Pond)

 540 R. Log, good
1580 trace, in WNSH-1570 slop
1610 slop from WUNR-1600 & pirate-1620
1620 Haitian format, loud / local-like
1630 soul music, fair over second station & 1620 slop
1640 nil
1650 Logan Airport TIS, good
1660 NJ, poor-fair

1670 Haitian format, fair
1680 two weak stations (one probably NJ)
1690 Haitian format, good + a strange "swishing" signal present
1700 about 2 or 3 weak carriers
1710 Haitian format, fair over second carrier (fast SAH beat)
==== (Mark Connelly, WA1ION, Aug 9, NRC-AM via DXLD)

** U S A. KNX/LOS ANGELES TO MOVE FROM HISTORIC HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS

After broadcasting for 67 years from studios at Columbia Square in the heart of Hollywood, Infinity's News KNX is set to move to Infinity's new complex located in Los Angeles' Miracle Mile district. KNX, which originally began broadcasting in 1922, moved to its current shared location with CBS-TV in 1938 and has broadcast continuously from that location ever since. The move will be marked with a special one-hour retrospective anchored by veteran reporter Bob Linder beginning at 10 pm [0500 UT Sat Aug 13]. Then, at 11 pm on Aug. 12 [0600 UT Sat Aug 13], history will be made as Hollywood's last remaining radio station signs off and begins broadcasting from studios on Wilshire Blvd., where KNX will join already relocated sister stations KFWB, KLSX, KRTH and KTWV (radioandrecords.com Thursday, Aug. 11, 2005 via Brock Whaley, DXLD)

HOLLYWOOD, RADIO FINALLY PART WAVES -- By Bob Pool, Times Staff Writer

If everything goes as expected, nobody will really notice. But with the planned flip of a switch at 11:05 p.m. Friday, another piece of Hollywood's golden age will disappear forever. Microphones at the last radio station in Hollywood will go dead as announcers and newscasters complete their final on-air shift at the historic Columbia Square broadcast center. The relocation of Los Angeles' first radio station, KNX-AM (1070), to new studios in Wilshire Boulevard's Miracle Mile area will end an 85-year tradition of radio broadcasting in the place that bills itself as the world's center of entertainment. . .
The complete article can be viewed at:
http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-hollywood11aug11,1,3479300.story?coll=la-headlines-california
(via Jim Moats, DXLD) Go on to page 6 for a long list of ex-Hollywood stations (gh)

** U S A. BORDER BLASTER STAGE SHOW
Here is an interesting excerpt from today's Business Journal.

"The Border Radio Show: The Big Juke Box in the Sky" is a tribute to the outlaw radiomen who, in the 1930s, set up megawatt [sic] border blaster radio stations across the Texas/Mexico border in order to evade U.S. regulations.

The stations pioneered the American infomercial, selling every bizarre product known to man, and even attracted future radio giant Wolfman Jack in the 1960s. Listeners could be found as far away as South America and Japan. The "Border Radio Show" will kick off Sept. 17 at Austin's Paramount Theatre with help from the National Endowment for the Arts.

This is a stage production but the article says it will be recorded for later rebroadcast on public radio. Apparently after Austin the stage production will tour other Texas venues (Patrick Griffith, Westminster, CO, Aug 8, NRC-AM via DXLD)

** U S A. Peter Jennings: Haven`t said a word here about the untimely death of the ABC News anchor, largely because eulogies to him have been all over all the networks for the past few days, culminating with a 2-hour no commercials(!) prime-time special on ABC itself Wednesday night. Like any other story done to death, one is likely to become Jennings-overloaded, but for some reason I found myself watching all the tributes, not for being such a big Jennings fan, but because of what all this says about good journalism, and despite my skepticism must say I am more impressed than ever with his accomplishments as a journalist and as a person.

I am pleased when he is referred to as ``young`` at age 67, and even more pleased that this has prompted renewed concern about smoking and lung cancer, including sidestream exposure. Keith Olbermann on MSNBC`s Countdown, who had a close call with tobacco-caused cancer, pledged to include quit-smoking tips each night on his show, and even to display his fortunately non-malignant mouth tumor on his website/blog. His anti-smoking rant at the close of the Monday Countdown was a classic. It shouldn`t take the death of a celebrity to move forward against such an obvious health risk, but it obviously does (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. It`s enough to tear one`s hair out, the way the so-called News networks drop everything for a tabloid story that could be summed up in a few minutes. CNN blew away the last half of Newsnight at 0230 UT Aug 11, which had no doubt been carefully planned with several features, to go live with BREAKING NEWS about the fugitive couple from TN being captured in OH. As I kept an eye on a muted monitor, I could not believe that not only did this last the rest of the Newsnight hour, including the news conference confirming the capture, but also THE ENTIRE NEXT HOUR which would have been Lou Dobbs, altho a repeat, the first chance for many of us to hear it, if not see any captions. I tried taping another scheduled repeat which we could only hope would not be dumped too, at 0800 UT. No! Larry King with the Douglases was on there an hour late. So lost it. Then I checked cnn.com for their now FREE video, but all I find is a bunch of clips from who knows what

daypart, not entire shows, with no sign of anything from Lou Dobbs.

Over to MSNBC at 0400 where I hoped to see COUNTDOWN, having missed its first run at 0000 because of the Peter Jennings, Correspondent tribute on ABC. And now it`s FLASH NEWS about the fugitives there too! Unfortunately, there is no further repeat of Countdown in the middle of the night.

I feel insulted by these networks who assume the public is dying to hear about such minor tabloid stories ASAP in the greatest possible detail, or lacking that, speculation (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** URUGUAY. 1280, R. TacuarembÛ - Web: http://www.radiotacuarembo.com
E-mail: radiotacuarembo @ rediotacuarembo.com
1420, R. Felicidad http://www.paysandu.com/radiofelicidad/inicial.htm
E-mail: radiofelicidad @ adinet.com.uy
1520, R. Acuarela - Web: http://www.radioacuarel.com - E-mail:
correo @ radioacuarela.com
1580, R. San Salvador - Web:
http://www.personales.com/uruguay/sanjosedemayoy/radiosansalvador/?
(stations via Tore B Vik, editor ARC LA News for South America, via Tore Larsson, DXLD)

** VATICAN [and non]. Re 5-131, two different sites on 4005: HFCC A-05 shows this usage, all 1234567 and 270305 301005:

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4005 0225 0400 28 SMG 100  25 T VAR. LANG. CVA VAT VAT 3142
4005 0400 0645 28 VAT  10 340 T VAR. LANG. CVA VAT VAT 3143
4005 1555 2215 28 VAT  10 340 T VAR. LANG. CVA VAT VAT 3144
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A switchover at 0345 seems unlikely in the middle of the Hungarian program. The original A-05 schedule via WRTH in DXLD some months ago showed in the mornings:

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0225-0250 Slovenian          VAT  100 Eu daily             4005
0250-0310 Croatian           VAT  100 Eu daily             4005
0310-0325 Czech              VAT  100 Eu daily             4005
0325-0340 Slovak             VAT  100 Eu daily             4005
0340-0400 Hungarian          VAT  100 Eu daily             4005
0400-0420 Polish             VAT   10 Eu daily             4005
0420-0440 German             VAT   10 Eu daily             4005
0440-0500 French             VAT   10 Eu daily             4005
0500-0520 English            VAT   10 Eu daily             4005
0520-0530 Italian            VAT   10 Eu daily             4005
0530-0600 Latin (Mass)       VAT   10 Eu daily             4005
0600-0615 Italian            VAT   10 Eu mtwtfs.           4005
0615-0630 French             VAT   10 Eu mtwtfs.           4005
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0630-0645 English VAT 10 Eu mtwtfs. 4005

This raises further questions, because Santa Maria de Galeria is supposed to have 100 kW transmitters, not Vatican City itself, listed in WRTH 2005 as with 1 x 10 kW and 1 x 80 kW on SW. So until 0400, from which site really are those 100 kW transmissions? This version does indicate SMG for most other transmissions (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VENEZUELA [non]. EL PRESIDENTE VENEZOLANO MENCIONA EN ENTREVISTA LA EVENTUAL CREACION DE RADIOSUR

El Presidente de Venezuela Hugo Ch·vez, de visita por 12 horas ayer en Uruguay, manejÛ en una entrevista de prensa, la idea de una Radiosur, como alternativa de comunicaciÛn a la seÒal televisiva de Telesur. La seÒal de Telesur notoriamente ha comenzado con dificultades, debido a su poca penetraciÛn, adem·s de algunos polÈmicos enfoques vertidos sobre su contenido.

Al menos en Uruguay, de Telesur solo se trasmitiÛ la seÒal inaugural, y ello fue por una seÒal de cable, "TV Libre", que tampoco est· en el paquete total de los canales de cable. Menos se viÛ por TV abierta, y este problema no es sÛlo en Uruguay.

Ante la requisitoria de los periodistas, al lado del automÛvil de la comitiva y mientras firmaba autÛgrafos en banderas venezolanas, Ch·vez mencionÛ que la idea de Radiosur se habÌa originado en Uruguay, y podÌa ser tenida en cuenta como manera de contrapesar el escaso acceso de la mayorÌa de la poblaciÛn a la TV cable, siendo la radio un medio de mayor penetraciÛn relativa (via Horacio A. Nigro, Uruguay, ago 11, condiglist via DXLD)

** VIETNAM [non]. Little Saigon Radio (USA) is currently carried 1500-1530 on 7380 (Nakhon Sawan) & 15110 (Taiwan). (Bernd Trutenau, Lithuania, Aug 11, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** YEMEN. 6135.00, R Sanaa, Yemen, 0420, Aug 07, Arabic announcemnt, 23332, fading out, in the clear until co-channel BBC Meyerton appeared 0425, exactly on same frequency, // 9779.48 (Martien Groot, Netherlands, DSWCI DX Window Aug 10 via DXLD) Reactivated? (DSWCI Ed)

** ZANZIBAR. 11735, R Tanzania, Zanzibar, *1500-2100*, Jul 19, 20 and 30, Aug 01 and 03. Station ID in English followed by a ten minute news bulletin in English with headlines about better relations between Tanzania and Oman and a gift of computers by the Peoples Republic of China. Very good signal-perhaps new transmitter. Much better reception than previous years. 44444 (Bruce Churchill, CA; Patrick Cody, Ireland; Rich D'Angelo, PA and Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DSWCI DX

Window Aug 10 via DXLD)

** ZIMBABWE. 6600, ZBC, Gweru, 0402, Aug 02, Vernacular news after usual drums on hour, also noted here at 1906 on same day, in clear after presumed co-channel Voice of the People sign-off; still on this new frequency Aug 03, 04 (morning only), back on 6612 Aug 04 (evening), 05, 06, then again on 6600 Aug 07 at 0400, so does this imply that there is also a nominal on 3300?, poor (Martien Groot, Holland, DSWCI DX Window Aug 10 via DXLD) Heard on 6612 at 0155-0315, Aug 09, Vernacular announcement with Afropop, 25232 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Aug 10 via DXLD) ?? Since when has VOP been on 6600? But that would certainly explain ZBC`s presence there (gh)

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS
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As for the DX Listening Digest, this is an on-line news service compiled and published roughly every other day by one Mr. Glenn Hauser, http://www.worldofradio.com for more. Glenn also produces the World of Radio DX programme, which goes out over a number of short wave outlets as well as on the Internet (Martin Peters, LM&S, August Short Wave Magazine [UK] via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING
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RADIOSCAPE TO SHOWCASE DRM/DAB RADIO RECEIVERS AT IFA 2005 --- World's first affordable, integrated, multi-standard, digital radio receivers

RadioScape, the world leader in Software Defined Digital Radio solutions, will be showcasing multi-standard digital radios based on its recently launched RadioScape RS500ô module at IFA 2005 in Berlin, Germany (2-7 Sept 2005). RadioScape has worked with several leading manufacturers who will be launching their digital radios at the show that will be able to receive DRMô (Digital Radio Mondialeô) as well as DAB (Digital Audio Broadcast), FM with RDS, LW, MW and SW.

DRM will be featured at two IFA locations this year, where the new DRM/DAB radios will be on display. The DRM receivers booth in Hall 5.2, which is organized by RTL Group, Deutsche Welle, Radio Netherlands, BBC, Deutschlandradio, Voice of Russia, Truckradio, DRF, Radio de la Mer and Littoral AM, where participants will be discussing their plans for DRM services across Europe, and the DRM Consortium booth in Hall 5.3 (TWF), which focuses on DRM products and technology.
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"IFA is one of the most important consumer electronics events and is the perfect showcase for the first, consumer-priced DRM/DAB radios," said Dave Hawkins, VP of RadioScape's Receivers Business. "This will really help DRM take off with the general public. Our unique software architecture has enabled us to create cost-effective, multi-standard, multi-application modules by using software stacks running on a powerful Texas Instruments DSP engine.

DRM is a complex technology, but our expertise in developing with many other radio standards has enabled us to create and verify a complete, multi-standard radio solution in record time. DRM broadcasters have been waiting for the launch of consumer-priced receivers and, through our close cooperation with a number of leading radio manufacturers and broadcasters, we will enable this to happen right on schedule for the run up to the 2005 Christmas market. DRM will be the hot technology at IFA this year with many broadcasters and manufacturers making DRM announcements. As a result, 2006 will be the year that DRM becomes mainstream."

The RadioScape RS500 module

The RS500 supports capabilities such as the highly popular Pause, Rewind and Record to MMC card features as well as the ability to display and use Electronic Programme Guide (EPG) data. Modules are sampling now to select customers and will be generally available after IFA. RadioScape forecasts that multi-standard, multi-band receivers based on the RS500 could have end user prices below $250 -- almost a quarter the price of existing DRM receivers in the market.

About DRM

DRM is the world's only, non-proprietary global standard for the digitizing of short-wave, medium-wave and long-wave broadcasting. Additionally, the DRM consortium recently voted to begin the process of extending the DRM system into the broadcasting bands up to 120 MHz. Able to cover great distances and provide near "FM quality" audio using lower transmission powers and compatible channel allocations, DRM is currently being adopted in markets worldwide to provide new and higher quality broadcasts for local, national and international audiences. Over 20 Broadcasters are already broadcasting using DRM across the globe and include the BBC (World Service), Deutsche Welle, RTL Group, Radio Netherlands, and TDF. More information can be found at http://www.drm.org

About RadioScape

RadioScapeÆ Ltd. is the world's only developer of end-to-end digital audio broadcasting solutions giving RadioScape unmatched systems

knowledge and enabling it to ensure that customers receive the highest levels of quality, robustness and reception at all stages. Its Digital Radio broadcast suite is used extensively throughout the world including the largest DAB installation to date -- the UK's commercial DAB network.

Its innovative Software Defined Digital Radioô approach has made it a leader in DAB and DMB technology with its DAB receiver modules being extensively used by many of the world's leading consumer electronics manufacturers. The company has announced that it is working on DRM capability that will result in true, multi-standard, digital radio receivers.

Founded in 1996, RadioScape's investors include Atlas Venture, Royal Bank Ventures, Scottish Equity Partners, JAFCO, Texas Instruments, Yasuda Enterprise Development, iGlobe Partners, Psion and NTL. RadioScape is headquartered in London, England with offices in Singapore and Hong Kong. For more information, please visit http://www.radioscape.com

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(Robin Emery, DAB Yahoo group via Mike Barraclough, DXLD) Another fill-in-the-blanks press release with standard hyperbole (gh, DXLD)

CONVENTIONS & CONFEFRENCES
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JSWC at Tokyo HAM Fair, AUGUST 20-21

Month of August is our annual HAM Fair. This is organized by JARL, or Japan Amateur Radio League and will be held on August 20 and 21 at Tokyo Big Sight, or Tokyo International Exhibition Center, where 30 thousand people are expected to visit during the two-day weekend.

The purpose of the Fair is to promote the enjoyment of Ham, or amateur radio operation, but we, JSWC, also prepare to set up a special booth to impress the general public with the enjoyment and importance of international broadcasting, and to give technical advice on short wave listening. This year we are having Mr. David Baden of Radio Free Asia who is going to speak about RFA activities. We are also told that Mr.

Victor Goonetilleke of Sri Lanka is invited by JARL to speak on their club's Tsunami Relief activities.

Other visitors from broadcasting houses are Voice of Vietnam Tokyo Bureau and AWR Japan. JSWC booth number is C-091, so please drop in if any of you are happened to be in Tokyo this time (Toshi Ohtake, Kamakura, Japan, Jul 31, DSWCI DX Window Aug 10 via DXLD)

2005 GLOBAL CATHOLIC RADIO CONFERENCE, OCT 20-22, BIRMINGHAM AL

"That All May Be One" --- Co-sponsored by EWTN and the Catholic Radio Association, the Global Catholic Radio Conference provides an opportunity for all working in Catholic radio, as well as those being called to this holy endeavor, to come together to network, share ideas, learn and be inspired. The blessings are abundant and your attendance is strongly encouraged. Please join us for an educational and fruitful conference. . .
http://www.catholicradioassociation.org/radioconferencehome.htm
(CRA via DXLD)

THE BIG ONE - RADIO DAY 2005 IN AMSTERDAM - 22 OCTOBER

This is the BIG offshore event of the year - about 250 normally attend! I have always wanted to be there having thoroughly enjoyed the smaller Calais radio day some years ago.

I have booked to stay Friday and Saturday night at the famous "Stayokay Amsterdam Vondelpark" which is a hostel recommended on the event website and it has excellent independent reviews, its situated in the centre of Amsterdam's main park, and only costs 30 Euros a day including breakfast!

This year will be a particularly memorable event for ageing anoraks as a large part of the day will feature Caroline and RNI with many ex-RNI personnel expected to attend, including:

David Williams (vintage Caroline South and Caroline North newsman)
Tony Christian (current Caroline presenter)
Andy Archer (Caroline, RNI etc, etc)
Roger 'Twiggy' Day (Caroline and RNI etc, etc,etc)
Robb Eden (RNI)
Dave Gregory (RNI)
Capitein Jan Harteveld (RNI master)
Michael Lindsay (RNI)
Mark Wesley (270, RNI and Luxy)
Spangles Muldoon (Caroline, RNI and Luxy)
Larry Tremaine (RNI programme director and sometime dj)
Duncan Johnson (Radio London, RNI etc).

Everyone else who was part of the RNI crew in 1970 is sincerely invited! Full details are at http://www.offshore-radio.de/radioday/

I do hope some other BDXC members will be there - let me know if you are going please --- should be a wonderful day of nostalgia from those exciting and pioneering days of radio in the 60s and 70s (Mike Terry, England, BDXC-UK via DXLD)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM
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SONY `WORLDBAND` RADIOS

The ongoing saga about the fate of these: I e-mailed the following question to them: ``Is Sony getting out of producing WB radios altogether?`` Their response:

``Sony Electronics has not made any official public announcements as to the future development of Sony world band [sic] radio receivers. Currently, some of the finest models of Sony WB receiver radios are showcased online at http://sonystyle.com Please visit the URL to view the different WB receiver radios currently showcased.``

(David McLaren, NE9N, IL, Musings, Aug NASWA Journal via DXLD)

Nothing on the homepage about them, and hardly anything about radio. Search world band and you get a page with 5 ICF SW receivers: 7600GR, 40, 35, 12, 11, and some accessories (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

DRAKES & ICOMS

Drake's exit from the consumer radio market seemed rather strange, particularly with the R8B. It looked as if they realized the warehouse was running low, figured how much it would cost to order up another batch and just said, "Ah, forget it. We're done." The whole thing appeared to catch all the retailers totally by surprise. From what I understand, Universal sold the few R8B's they had left the same day it became known Drake was discontinuing it. If they had known it was going to be discontinued I'm sure they would have stocked up. In direct contrast, the very next day it became widely known Icom was discontinuing the R75, yet apparently there are still plenty of them in the supply chain. Universal still has them for sale, including the "free" DSP board. If you're interested in the R75, better get one now. For the R8B, I think "pre-owned" is the only remaining option (Jay Heyl, Aug 10, ABDX via DXLD)

For those who have the $ and want/need something new: if you want a computer controlled rig, I think the RX-320D is the way to go. If you want something which can be run independent of a computer, grab an ICOM R-75 while available. For the used market, a well cared for Drake R8, R8A or R8B is a great machine. The A and B models have the notorious mechanical encoder, the original has the optical encoder and the metal tuning knob. Used, R8s go for a lot less than the A and B models. But the later models have better synch detectors and better ergonomics (Phil Rafuse PEI Canada, ibid.)

CAN RF-ID TAGS BECOME AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEM?

Aug. 9, 2005 -- As RFID tags enter recycling mills as part of old corrugated containers, the question arises as to tags environmental impact. The Fibre Box Association (FBA), a Rolling Meadows, IL. -based trade association, conducted a study on the effect of copper foil and conductive silver ink in recycling operations. The concern was whether metals were present in wastewater, solid residuals or in the product at concentrations that approach or exceed regulatory limits.

FBA, in conjunction with the National Council for Air and Stream Improvement, studied two types of passive RFIDs -- a poly-laminated copper foil antenna and an un-laminated printed silver antenna -- by processing them through a pilot recycling and paper-making facility at Western Michigan University. The results of the study were:

Laminated copper foil antennas do not readily break down and are removed early in the pulping process as a non-recyclable solid waste. Silver ink from printed, non-laminated labels tends to remain with the paper substrate and is not easily extractable from the finished paper. Silver in effluent, solid waste and product streams are below the identified regulatory thresholds.

For a copy of the complete study, contact Brian O'Banion, FBA vice president, at bobanion @ fibrebox.org
(from http://www.industryweek.com/ReadArticle.aspx?ArticleID=10608 via DXLD)

This is a marvel of the universe:
To fling a thought across a stretch of sky --
Some weighty message, or a yearning cry,
It matters not; the elements rehearse
Man's urgent utterance, and his words traverse
The spacious heav'ns like homing birds that fly
Unswervingly, until, upreached on high,
A quickened hand plucks off the message terse.
--- Josephine Preston Peabody (Mrs. Lionel Simeon Marks), Wireless
(via John Wright, Aug Australian DX News via DXLD)

SHORT WAVE PULSE INTERFERENCE

I recently became victim to a woodpecker style QRM from about 7 to 30 MHz. It turned out to be a switched mode power supply in my neighbour`s recently purchased DCD player. Those attempting to identify Over the Horizon (OTH) radar sources could download the sound samples on http://www.iarums-r1.org along with the text and screenshots of audio waveforms of the same (Andy Foad, Whitstable, Kent, August Short Wave Magazine via DXLD)

POWERLINE COMMUNICATIONS
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HOME PLUG INTERFERENCE

The recent extract from the ARRL website about BPL and the like was very interesting.

The Melbourne Age newspaper for August 9 carried an ad by a large IT dealer for Netcomm Home Plug model NP210. Price $189 Australian or about US$145. This distributes ethernet over the power circuits in homes and offices so that PCs, laptops, ethernet-capable printers, etc., can get data without being directly connected by ethernet cable. Looking up this device via Google I got to data sheets and specs about this equipment and was horrified to find that it distributes using a data carrier up to 14 Mbps. Incidentally, that model number is the one with integral power plug pins to suit the Australian power outlets. No doubt there are other models to suit other countries standards.

I asked the Australian Communications Authority about this and received an email along the lines that "no doubt it will comply with standard CISPR 22"

Google to the rescue again and this international standard permits emissions over the entire HF range of up to 1000 microvolts. The tables need to be looked at in detail to see the different limits over the various parts of the spectrum.

I found on an IBM website http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/printer/v1r1/index.jsp regarding one of their printers which complies with CISPR 22 the following statement:-

"This is a Class A product. In a domestic environment this product may cause radio interference in which case the user may be required to take adequate measures."

We might as well sell off our radio equipment while we can if this sort of electromagnetic NON-compatible junk is going to be spread around the world. If there is interference of this type around us, how can anyone determine where it is coming from and, if successful, get the business or home user to remove it? (Morrison Hoyle, Australia, Aug 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

BPL YAHOOGROUPS

There are a couple Yahoogroups dedicated to this, if you feel so inclined to join and observe, the most popular one has Ed Hare, the Chief Opponent and an Engineer from the ARRL on it:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BPLandHamRadio/

Broadband over Power Line (BPL) poses a significant potential global interference problem to amateur radio. The Yahoo group "BPLandHamRadio" provides a forum for those interested in BPL (PLT/PLC) and its effects on the various users of the HF radio spectrum around the world. Members get access to some of the latest news articles and have the opportunity to discuss the implications of new developments in this rapidly changing situation. Our archives contain a great deal of useful information for anyone interested in understanding the BPL issues. When joining please provide a call sign or detail your interest in radio.

Subscribe: BPLandHamRadio-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

and one I moderate, with less traffic, and a bit more political oriented, bpl-go-away: Broadband-over powerlines, GO AWAY!
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/bpl-go-away/

Unfettered discussion about Broadband over Powerlines, free from censorship by those with an agenda, and primarily geared to protect our RF resources from this invasion. Hams, Computer geeks, Shortwave Listeners, Power people, all welcome. They have no other agenda than to stick consumers with another utility bill at the exppense of our HF spectrum. If this were the answer to delivering high speed connectivity to rural users, where is the "must build" rules? There aren't any, because they will do like the cable operators did, pick the choice locations, and fail to wire up the rural areas because of cost per pop will be uneconomical. Lets get active and fight this while there`s a chance the corrupt FCC might have to change their stance. If we fail to stop this, the plan is to deploy it as fast as possible, ignore interference complaints, until we force regulatory oversight and then when critical mass is reached, complain its too valuable a resource to turn off. It`s either fight this now, or we lose ALL our HF radio --- period.

We also want reports of trials, tests, and pending deployments so we can get monitoring teams advised and set up to record and document the interference for future legal challenges.

Subscribe: bpl-go-away-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

The more the better, so please feel free to spread the word, and feel free to subscribe. I`ve included the email only subscription links, so you don't have to actually sign-up to Yahoogroups, but still get the lists (Marc Blitz, moderator BPL-go-away, shortwaves yg via DXLD)

LANGUAGE LESSONS
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If the British call air shows ``tattoos``, what do they call tattoos, ``air shows``? (Glenn Hauser, USA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

PROPAGATION
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On July 30, I experienced a nearly total fade out on shortwaves at 0700. E.g. on 49 mb only two stations were audible with weak signals (DeutschlandRadio on 6005 and R Finland on 6120) and no stations at all on 41 mb. One hour later it was nearly back to normal with nine stations audible on 49 mb and four on 41mb with the usual signal strength, but still some deep fades.

Noel Green also noticed this near blackout: "It was interesting to note that Finland 9560 was about S3+ (usually it's 20+ over 9), 11755 was a faint whisper (usually 20 over 9) and 15135 was about S3 (usually 20 over 9). And DW 6075 // 9545 were faint only - usually powerhouses. I have tried listening since and things seem more or less normal - whatever that is - so I suspect this mornings even could have been a SID." During July 29 - Aug 04 the Solar Flux was above 100 with maximum on Aug 01 of 111. On Jul 30 the Boulder K-Index peaked at 0600-0900 on 5 (DSWCI DX Window Aug 10 via DXLD)

NASA TO IMPROVE SOLAR DISTURBANCE FORECASTS

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NASA ANNOUNCES BREAKTHROUGH IN SPACE WEATHER FORECASTING

Researchers from NASA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the Lockheed Martin Advanced Technology Center's Solar and Astrophysics Laboratory (LMSAL) will present new findings on space weather during a media teleconference on Tuesday, Aug. 16 at 2 p.m. EDT.

Scientists funded by NASA's Living With a Star program have made a significant discovery that will help everyone from satellite operators and airlines to astronauts living and working in space

Reporters should call: 877/891-6970; provide the passcode "Space Weather." At the start of the briefing, images and graphics supporting the conference will be posted on the Internet at: http://www.nasa.gov/vision/universe/solarsystem/clear_weather.html

Briefing Participants:
- Dr. Richard Fisher, Director, NASA Sun-Solar System Connection Division, Washington
- Dr. Karel Schrijver, Senior Staff Physicist, Lockheed Martin Solar and Astrophysics Laboratory, Palo Alto, Calif.
- Dr. Marc DeRosa, Research Physicist, Lockheed Martin Solar and Astrophysics Laboratory, Palo Alto, Calif.
- Dr. Joseph Kunches, NOAA Space Environment Center Director, Boulder, Colo. -end-

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